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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: FEDERAL POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATH OF ELENA HOLMBERG 3.3(b)(1)

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3.3(b)(1)- (COMMENT: ELENA H O L M B E R G, AN ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM FRANCE WHERE SHE WORKED IN THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY, WAS KIDNAPPED ON 20 DECEMBER 1978. ON 11 JANUARY 1979, A BODY REPORTED AS BEING THAT OF HOLMBERG WAS RECOVERED FROM THE LUJAN RIVER. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT AUTOPSIES PERFORMED ON THE BODY ESTABLISHED THAT DEATH HAD OCCURRED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF HER ABDUCTION. HOLMBERG WAS A NIECE OF FORMER PRESIDENT ALEJANDRO L A N U S S E. HER BODY LAY IN STATE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PRIOR TO BURIAL AND THE CASE HAS RECEIVED WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY. 3.3(b)(1)
EMBTEL 0436, 1859660 DATED 16 JANUARY 1979, FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.)

2. JUDGE EDUARDO FRANCISCO M A R Q U A R D T ORDERED

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A SECOND AUTOPSY PERFORMED ON THE BODY ALLEGED TO BE HOLMBERG'S BECAUSE HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH PROOF OF IDENTITY RESULTING FROM THE FIRST AUTOPSY. [redacted]

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[redacted] THE EVIDENCE OF HOLMBERG'S IDENTITY PRODUCED BY THE SECOND AUTOPSY IS ALSO DUBIOUS AND [redacted] JUDGE MARQUARDT ACCEPTED THE RESULTS AS FINAL EVIDENCE. 3.3(b)(1)

3.3(b)(1) 3. [redacted] THE POLICE ARE CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATION. THERE ARE THREE THEORIES:

A. THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE) KILLED HOLMBERG BECAUSE WHILE IN PARIS HOLMBERG WAS IN TOUCH WITH SUBVERSIVES. [redacted] IF SIDE WERE 3.3(b)(1) RESPONSIBLE, HOLMBERG WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD FOR EXTENDED INTERROGATION AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN KILLED WITHIN 48 HOURS.

B. SUBVERSIVES KIDNAPPED AND KILLED HOLMBERG. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)

3.3(b)(1) NOT [redacted] LIKELY SINCE THE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A LIMITED CURRENT CAPABILITY FOR THAT TYPE OF OPERATION. ALSO, THEY NORMALLY TAKE CREDIT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THEIR VICTIMS AND USUALLY RESPORT TO SHOOTING OR BOMBING ATTACKS.

C. THE NAVY KILLED HOLMBERG BECAUSE WHILE IN PARIS SHE DISCOVERED THAT ADMIRAL EMILIO M A S S E R A, FORMER COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NAVY, HAD MET WITH MONTONEROS DURING A TRIP TO FRANCE AND THAT SHE HAD FORWARDED THIS INFORMATION

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TO HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)

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